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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 10/19/2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.